

# MIPSA

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April 3-6, 2008

## Thursday, April 3-8:00 am

### 1-4 IMMIGRATION AND PUBLIC OPINION IN EUROPE (Co-sponsored with European Politics, see 7-1)

**Room** Empire on the Lobby Level, Thur at 8:00 am

**Chair** **Rafaela Dancygier**, *Princeton University*  
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#### **Paper** One of Us: Identity and Immigration in the Netherlands

This paper focuses on the immigration debate in the Netherlands. Drawing on original survey research, the paper aims to show the effect which priming respondents about their national identity has on their views of immigrants and immigration policy.

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#### **Paper** Comparative Study of Media Effects in the EU: The Immigration Issue and Public Opinion in Ireland and France

This paper focuses on comparative media effects on European public opinion through an examination of the agenda-setting functions of print media in Ireland and France on the issue of immigration.

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#### **Paper** Public Opinion Towards Immigration: A Heterogeneous Approach

By using cognitive interviews to reveal what is understood by the concept of immigration in Germany, this paper suggests differentiating across immigrant groups in survey questions to avoid possible biases related to a general immigration question.

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#### **Paper** The Impact of Increased Diversity on Support for the European Welfare State

Is support for the Western European welfare state contingent upon who the perceived recipients are? Using comparative survey data, this paper examines the impact of increased heterogeneity on public support for social assistance.

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### 1-13 VOTER TURNOUT: THE CUTTING EDGE IN SURVEY QUESTIONS (Co-sponsored with Methodology, see 36-1)

**Room** Red Lacquer on the 4th Floor, Thur at 8:00 am

**Chair** **Christopher H. Achen**, *Princeton University*  
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#### **Paper** The Study of Turnout: Measurement Issues

The paper examines the merits and limits of various question wordings for three central concepts for the study of why people decide to vote or abstain in an election--preferences, duty, and decisiveness.

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#### **Paper** Beyond Probit and Logit: Better Statistical Tools for the Study of Turnout

Statistical analyses of voter turnout are plagued with problems of unknown functional form, unobserved variables, and unit heterogeneity. We show that recent statistical advances and improved data offer improvements to existing estimates.

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#### **Paper** Voter Registration as a Rational Expectation: The Statistical Implications for Studying Turnout

This paper explains how new panel survey designs might be combined with appropriate statistical estimators to give better answers to the impact of duty on turnout.

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#### **Paper** Correcting for Survey Misreports Using Auxiliary Information: A Re-Examination of Voter Turnout

Misreporting is a problem that plagues researchers that use survey data. We develop a model that corrects for misreporting using some auxiliary information via MCMC techniques.

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**Thursday, April 3-4:45 pm**

**1-2 DEMOCRACY, REDISTRIBUTION, AND INEQUALITY REVISITED (Co-sponsored with Comparative Politics: Transitions Toward Democracy, see 4-4)**

**Room** Red Lacquer on the 4th Floor, Thur at 4:45 pm

**Chair** Zachary Elkins, *University of Illinois*  
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**Paper** **Bringing the Poor Back In: Revisiting the Role of Inequality in Democratization**

This paper re-examines Boix and Acemoglu and Robinson's well-known findings on the impact of inequality on democracy, arguing that a proper operationalization on income inequality suggests that high inequality is actually associated with democracy.

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**Paper** **Inequality, War and the Social Contract**

This paper examines the role of wars in changing the level of inequality within states and the political consequences of that inequality for redistributive policy.

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**Paper** **State Power and the Redistributive Threat**

This paper re-examines the debate over the relationship between inequality and democracy, noting that the redistributive threat of the poor to expropriate the elite relies on the state's capacity to actually bring about redistribution.

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**2-301 POSTER SESSION: COMPARATIVE POLITICS -- INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES**

**Room** Grand on the 4th Floor, Thur at 4:45 pm

**Poster 1 The Timing of Mainstream Party Reaction to Niche Party Success**

Using duration analyses of mainstream party reactions to niche parties in 17 Western European countries from 1970-2003, I model the effect of niche party success and the salience of niche party issues on the timing of mainstream party response.

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**Poster 2 Changing Value System in the European Union**

This paper will examine the similarities and differences of values between the citizens of the EU15 and new members based on the European Values Surveys and the World Values Surveys of the European Values Surveys of waves 1-5.

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**Poster 3 Determinants of Environmental Movement: An Analysis of South Korea and the U.S. Development of Environmentalism**

This research sets out to explore the impacts of national characteristics on the environmental movements in South Korea and the United States.

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**Poster 4 Patterns of Political Involvement in European Post-Industrial Democracies**

The paper focuses upon the development of types of political involvement in a number of post-industrial societies, the effects of individual modernization on types of involvement and the possible implications for the future of democracy.

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**Poster 5 British Culture and Climate Change Policy**

This paper argues that many aspects of British climate change policy are reflective of British culture.

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**Poster 6 Allocation of Posts and Electoral Performance of Incumbents in Japan**

This paper examines the effects of ministerial and legislative post experience on incumbents' electoral fortunes. The result shows the distinct effects of different posts depending on the rank and policy areas of posts.

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**Poster 7 Bridging the Wage Gap: How Welfare Institutions Affect Immigration Policy**

This paper tests a more developed version of the hypothesis that rising wage inequality within developed countries leads to the adoption of more restrictive immigration policy. I examine how social welfare institutions may play a mediating role.

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**Poster 8 Explaining Major Welfare-State Policy Change in Industrialized Democracies**

Do existing theories of welfare-state size in advanced industrialized democracies explain major shifts in policy? This paper analyzes the impact of variables predicting levels of welfare-state effort on major changes in social policy.

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**3-5 DOMESTIC RESPONSES TO GLOBAL POLITICS**

**Room** Salon 4 on the 3rd Floor, Thur at 4:45 pm

**Chair** Isabella Alcaniz, *University of Houston*  
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**Paper** **External Imposition of Democracy: What Determines Success and Failure?**

This research explores what determines the success and failure of externally imposed democracies. This paper conducts a comparative analysis of South Korea and the Philippines between 1940s and 1970s.

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**Paper** **Political Implications of Out-Migration: A Global Perspective**

This paper examines the linkage between emigration and politics in low and middle income countries. It presents and tests a series of hypotheses regarding the effect of persistent out-migration on democratic performance and regime stability.

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**Paper** **Explaining Success and Failure in Ethnic Political Participation**

Why is the indigenous movement politically successful in Bolivia but not in Guatemala? This is the central question that this comparative paper attempts to answer based on a combination of quantitative and qualitative information.

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